

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A surgical table comprising:

a patient support surface;

a base having a base frame;

a support column extending between said base frame and said support surface;

a carriage coupled for relative movement with said base frame, said carriage including a plurality of spaced-apart rolling members and a pair of yokes each pivotally coupled to said base frame, each of said yokes carrying at least one of said rolling members ~~said carriage~~; and

a lifting mechanism operative for transferring a lifting force to said ~~linkages~~ yokes sufficient to move said yokes relative to said base frame, said lifting mechanism capable of moving said yokes relative to said base frame between a first position in which said carriage is movable on said rolling members and a second position in which said carriage is not movable on said rolling members.

2. (Currently Amended) The surgical table of claim 1 wherein said lifting mechanism includes a pair of linkages coupling said base frame with said carriage, each of said linkages ~~includes~~ including a movable bar, a first pair of relatively pivotal link arms at

[[one]] a first end of [[the]] said bar and a second pair of relatively pivotal link arms at another a second end of [[the]] said bar opposite said first end, each of said first and said second relatively pivotal link arms pivotally coupling said bar with one of said yokes, said bar movable to orient said first and said second relatively pivotal link arms in a first orientation which provides said first position and a second orientation that provides said second position.

3. (Currently Amended) The surgical table of claim [[1]] 2 wherein said base frame includes a rotatable actuator to which said pair of yokes are pivotally coupled, said rotatable actuator having a lever operative to move said bar for rotating said pair of linkages between said first and second orientations and thereby operative to move said yokes relative to said base frame between said first and second positions.

4. (Currently Amended) The surgical table of claim 1 wherein said base frame has a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, and said base frame includes a longitudinally-spaced pair of transversely-extending flanges projecting downwardly therefrom, said flanges engaging the ground in the second position for inhibiting rolling movement of said rolling members.

5. (New) The surgical table of claim 2 wherein said lifting mechanism includes a pair of compression springs each applying a biasing force to a corresponding one of said linkages biasing said linkages in a direction from said second orientation to said first orientation, said biasing force effective to assist in moving said yokes relative to said base frame from said second position to said first position.

6. (New) The surgical table of claim 5 wherein each of said compression springs is positioned coaxially about said movable bar of a corresponding one of said pair of linkages.

7. (New) The surgical table of claim 2 wherein said first and said second relatively pivotal link arms are aligned in said first orientation and inclined relative to each other in said second orientation.

8. (New) The surgical table of claim 1 wherein said base frame is positioned between said yokes and a surface contacted by said rolling members when said yokes are moved relative to said base frame to said first position.

9. (New) The surgical table of claim 8 wherein said base frame includes a plurality of openings, each of said rolling members moving within a corresponding one of said openings when said yokes are moved relative to said base frame between said first and second positions.